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RE: Public Hearings on Redistricting

Dear Community Member:

Every ten years, communities all over the United States engage in a process that could fundamentally change electoral politics throughout the country. The process of redistricting means to redraw district lines to reflect population changes. Redistricting ensures that every eligible person has a vote, and that each "district" is roughly equal in population. The redistricting process is underway in Minneapolis, and the Redistricting Commission would like to ensure that everyone, especially in our many ethnic communities, neighborhoods and business associations, understand the process and is represented fairly.

A special diversity meeting to hear public comments was held on March 14th. If you were unable to attend that meeting there are still opportunities for public comment on this important process. To ensure that your voice is heard, I would like to invite representatives of these communities to attend **two public hearings** that will be conducted on **March 21 and April 11**. Meetings will be held in the City Council Chamber, Room 317, City Hall, 350 South 5th Street and are scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

If you wish to be on the speakers' list for these public hearings call Dani Connors-Smith at 612-673-3857. If you are unable to attend the meetings, you may mail, fax or e-mail your comments to:
Susanne Griffin, Minneapolis Elections and Voter Registration, Room 1B City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415. Fax 612-673-3399. E-mail: susanne.griffin@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

For more information on the Minneapolis Redistricting Commission, visit the City of Minneapolis Web site at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us or call the Minneapolis Elections Office at 612-673-2070. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chair
Minneapolis Redistricting Commission